

INSTRUCTIONSchool Day

The length of the school day shall not be less than that required by the State Board of Education.

The hours of attendance for students shall be determined by the Stafford County School Board on recommendation of the superintendent and shall take into consideration, but not be limited to, the ages of the students, the distances to and from school, bus scheduling, safety hazards and time needed to accomplish educational objectives.

Editor's Note

See also school board policy 6-7 and regulation #R6-8.

Legal Reference: Through June 30, 1999

Regulations of the Virginia State Board of Education, "Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia." 8VAC 20-131-150 (September 30, 1997, effective October 31, 1997)

"A. The standard school year shall be 180 days. The standard school day for students in grades 1-12 shall average at least 5 1/2 hours, excluding intermissions for meals and a minimum of 3 hours for kindergarten. School divisions may develop alternative schedules for meeting these requirements as long as a minimum of 990 hours of instructional time is provided for grades 1-12 and 540 hours for kindergarten. Such alternative plans must be approved by the local school board and by the Board of Education, under guidelines established by the Board of Education. No alternative plan which reduces the instructional time in the core academics shall be approved.

All students in grades 1-12 shall maintain a full-day schedule of classes (5 1/2 hours), unless a waiver is granted by the local superintendent of schools. Conditions of such waivers shall be defined by the local school board."

Editor's Note

§22.1-98 Reduction of state aid when length of school term below 180 days or 990 hours. (1990) Quoted at #4-16 of this manual.

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